WOULD YOU
DATE ME?

WHAT AM
I SAYING?

step.3

DATE YOU?
ME?
I WON'T.
I...
I SEE.
I WONDERED WHAT IT IS YOU WANTED TO SAY.

WAA!
I'M REALLY SORRY.
HOW ARE YOU?
I made porridge.
DING DONG
AH,
THAT'S PROBABLY THE OLD HAG.
I called her earlier.
It's nothing
This helps a lot
Thank you very much.
And here are some spices.
TAKERU,
WE'RE HAVING DINNER SOON.
'KAY...
SEI-CHAN, WHY DON'T YOU EAT WITH US?
OR SHOULD I BRING SOME OVER?
Ok, I know
THANK YOU, BUT I ALREADY ATE.
Oh, that's a shame.

THIS IS TOO MUCH?
Plenty
.....
DON'T YOU THINK
I DON'T NEED THEM ANYMORE, SO I'D HAVE THROWN THEM AWAY.
I WILL NO LONGER WEAR THEM ANYWAY.
THAT'S EVERY-THING.
I'LL OPEN THE DOOR FOR YOU.
OPEN
To auntie too.
THANKS FOR TODAY.
NO, I SHOULD BE SAYING THAT.
You gave me all these.
...OKAY

YOUR CELL NUMBER.
CAN I HAVE IT?
AH,
BEFORE I FORGET,
NO, YOU DIDN'T.
I DIDN'T...
GIVE IT TO YOU BEFORE...?

SINCE HE'S BEING SERIOUS, I'LL DO THE SAME.
Save Save
PFFT
Nakatsu Seiichirou
Did you receiv
My number is
I look forwa
HE PUT HIS FULL NAME AS THE SUBJECT.
DING
ME? DATE YOU?
I WON'T.

IT'S NOT LIKE I CONFESSED OR ANYTHING,
SO WHY DO I FEEL LIKE I WAS DUMPED?
EARLIER,
HE REALLY HAS NO PLAN OF MOVING THINGS FORWARD, HUH?
IF YOU COULD STOP CONCERNING YOURSELF WITH ME,
I FEEL LIKE WE'D BE NOTHING MORE THAN THAT.
IF I JUST LEFT,

SO,
I GUESS,
IT'S
BETTER
THIS
WAY?
I BROUGHT
WHAT YOU
ASKED FOR.
CLUNK
WHOA
'SUP
OH
MORNIN'

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD A WII, OKA-PI.
DID YOU BUY ONE?
NO, I DIDN'T.
I have a PSP.
YEAH, I DON'T USE THEM THAT MUCH.
ARE YOU SURE I CAN BORROW ALL THESE?
THANKS.
HE GOES OUT OF HIS WAY TO PLAY IT IN ANOTHER'S HOUSE.
I see...
All they have is Mario Kart, though.
I DON'T PLAY IT AT OUR HOUSE.
HEY, YOU TWO!
What?
You really like games, huh?
Do I?

THIS SUNDAY?
ARE YOU FREE

AH
I HAVE SOMETHING TO DO.
LET'S HANG OUT WITH THE WITH THE GIRLS LAST TIME.
Hoho

...NO.
WHAT? YOU WANNA PLAY BASEBALL?
DING

Then there's no meaning at all...
IF OKA-PI'S NOT THERE...
I'M GOING, THOUGH.
IT'S ALRIGHT EVEN IF YOU DON'T COME, SANO-CHAN.
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What did you say?! What do you think of me, huh?!

EHHHH
Sorry about that.
I'M GAME.

WHY?
HUUUH?
TAKERU'S NOT HERE?
WAKE YOUR FATHER UP AND ASK HIM TO DO THAT FOR YOU.
TAKERU LEFT HOME THIS MORNING.
I'LL DO THAT.
HMMM
I WANTED TO REARRANGE MY ROOM,
BUT THE SHELF IS TOO HEAVY.
You're going to order him around again.
...THAT GUY DOESN'T GROW AT ALL.
HE'S AT SEI-CHAN'S PLACE.
MAYBE HE'S ON A DATE.
BUT TAKERU GOING OUT...
SNIGGER
THAT'S RARE.
DON'T SAY THAT.

AH
THERE
YES...
JUST LIKE THAT.
AH!
DODGE THAT
BANANA
YOU'RE BEING TOO IMPATIENT...
RUMBLE RUMBLE
AH
TAKERU
STOP MAKING THOSE SOUNDS
WA!
NO
HEY
I TOLD YOU TO ADVANCE ON YOUR OWN.
...THIS IS WHY
This is too tiring...
I'LL WATCH YOU INSTEAD.
1P
2P
GAME OVER...
Eh~
HE THREW A BANANA
AT THAT TIMING...
THERE WERE 10M LEFT...
Damn gorilla
2P
1P

1
2
3
This hairpin course is no good...
Hmph
HE'S SO FUSSY.
Hmph
O.o
A mystery.
I STILL WANT TO PLAY THE LAST RACE TOGETHER.
EVEN IF IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE TWO OF US TO STAND AT THE PODIUM,
BUT THAT JUST MEANS
I'LL BE IN THE CHAMPION-SHIP AND THAT'S IT.
Yeah... that's the kinda game this is...
OH YEAH,
THAT'S RIGHT...
LET'S TAKE A BREAK IN THE MEANTIME,
OKAY?
TWEE
TWEE
OKAY...
EAT THIS, IF YOU LIKE.
RUSTLE

WORK?
I GOT IT FROM WORK.
...I THINK IT'S FINE.
Drink this up, okay?
DO YOU LIKE BREAD?
WHY?
YEAH
IT'S BREAD.
It's from a store
HMMM
It's just kitchen chores.
I GOT A JOB IN A BREAD STORE.
WELL, I'M NOT SURPRISED.
.....
I wasn't planning to pick up anyone...
IT'S ONLY BECAUSE A FRIEND INTRODUCED ME THERE, OKAY?! IT'S PURE COINCI-DENCE!
I'M SURE YOUR FRIEND
IS A GIRL TOO.
TT
Anyway
YOU CHOSE ONE WITH MANY GIRLS.
COUGH

.....
This is hard
to open.
IT'S FINE, ISN'T IT?
GOES TO SHOW HOW POPULAR YOU ARE.
I'M NOT REALLY POPULAR.
Ah?
YOU'RE MISUNDER-STANDING A LOT ABOUT ME.
I FEEL LIKE...
HUH?!
Are you trying to be funny?!
UMM
YOU KNOW
I SAW YOU DO THAT SHIT, RIGHT?!
YEAH
Even my sister calls you a playboy, you know?!
BUT THAT'S...

THEY WANTED TO PLAY AROUND AND I WAS RIGHT THERE.
WITH THE KIND OF PERSON I AM,
EVERYTHING WAS A LITTLE TOO CONVENIENT.

WE WERE A MATCH.

EVEN IF...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE YOU'VE GONE OUT WITH,

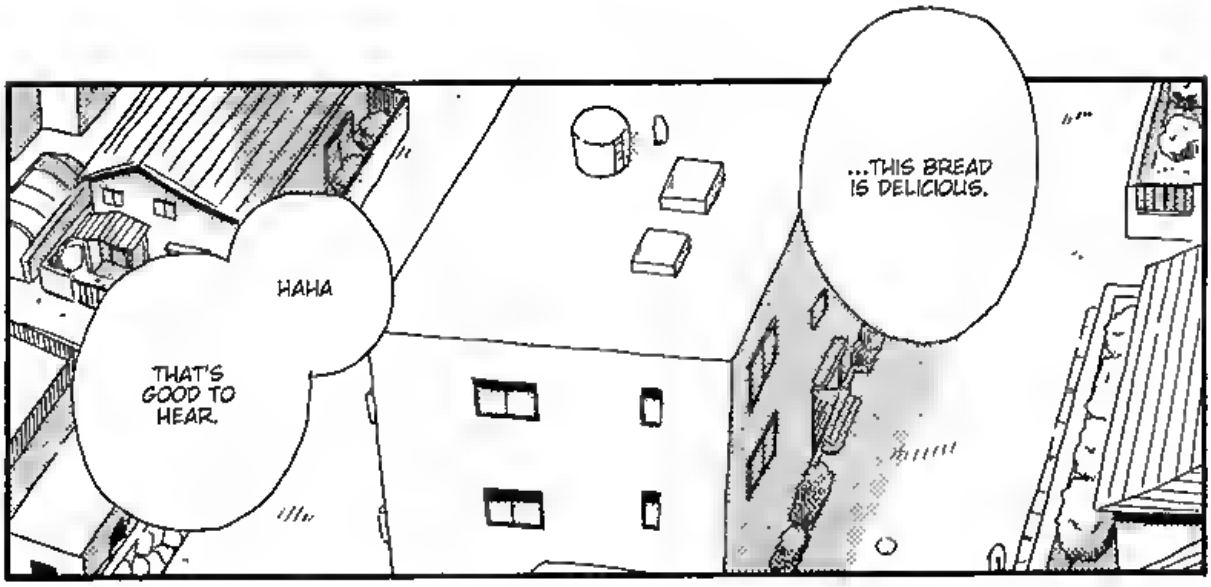
THAT'S NOT TRUE!

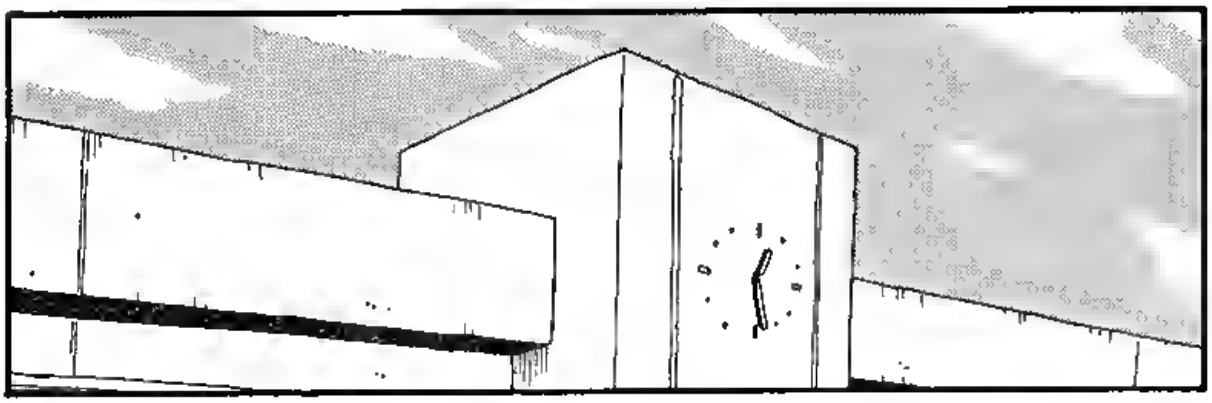
BUT, AT THE VERY LEAST,
I...

...AH
I DON'T THINK YOU'RE LIKE THAT
AT ALL...
HA HA HA HA HA HA!
What's wrong? So suddenly..
YOU'RE MAKING ME SHY.
messy
messy
THANK YOU.
YOU DON'T GET IT AT ALL.
YOU ALWAYS JUST FOOL AROUND.

IF IT WERE ME,

I'D BE MORE...


...THIS BREAD IS DELICIOUS.
HAHA
THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR.



I'LL LEND YOU MINE.
Nice one, Oka-pi!
REALLY?!
LET ME SEE!

WHAT'S WRONG?
I FORGOT MY ENGLISH HOME-WORK!
It was due yesterday!

CRAAAP!

WHEEEW
YOU SAVED ME.
I'LL BUY YOU JUICE.
What are you planning?
WHYYY?
I'm not.
COME ON,
JUST DO IT.
EH?
THEN, CAN YOU PAT ME IN THE HEAD?
Kinda like "there, there"
WHUT?!
...YOU DON'T HAVE TO.
You can choose anything you like, you know?
.....?
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
.....
ALRIGHT,
THANKS.
O-
OKAY...
That's enough.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
THE CAFETERIA IS GONNA GET CROWDED, SO LET'S HURRY UP.
YOU'RE FIRED UP.
DID SOME-THING HAPPEN?
BUT YOU'VE RECENTLY BEEN BUSY WITH WORK, HAVEN'T YOU?
I'LL COME RIGHT AFTER.
HUH?
That was sudden.
HEY, DO YOU PLAN TO HAVE A MIXER?
LIKE, SOON?

I WANT TO VENT SO BAD...
IF THIS GOES ON,
THE IRONCLAD RULE IS...
WHAT THE HELL?
"Rule"?
THIS IS NOT A LAUGHING MATTER.
PFH
I DON'T REALLY GET IT, BUT
TO PUT IT SIMPLY, YOU'RE PENT UP?
.....
WELL...
I GUESS...

DO YOU HAVE ANY PLANS TODAY?
HEY,
DONG
DING
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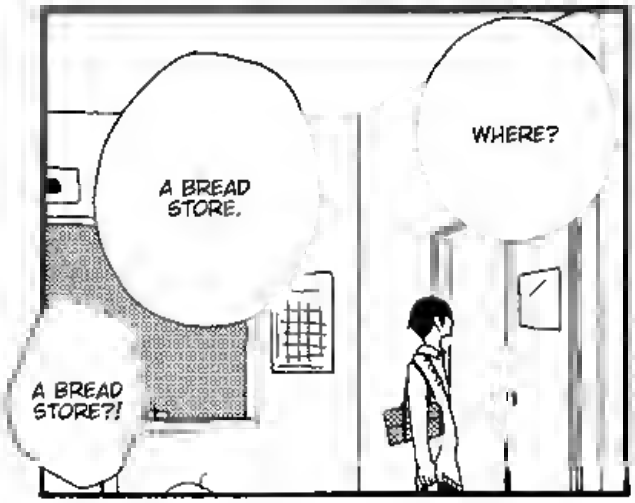
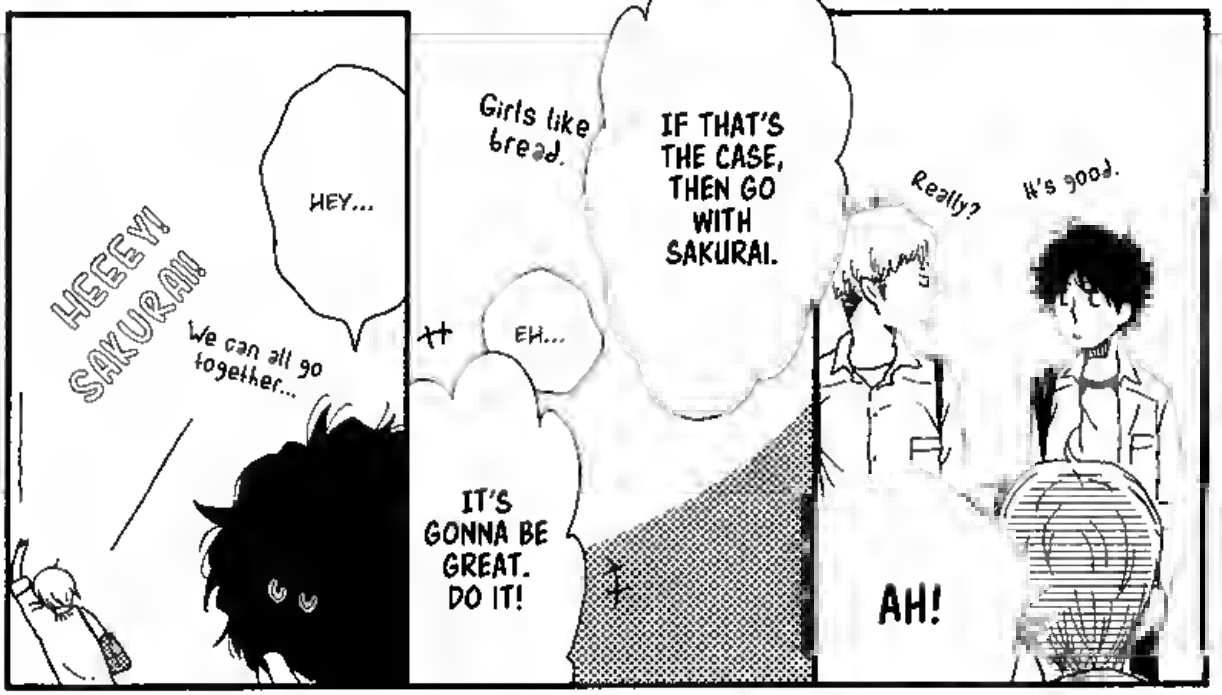

WHERE?
A BREAD STORE.
A BREAD STORE?!

THERE'S SOMEWHERE I WANT TO GO.
SURE
WANNA GO TO A GAME CENTER?


HEEEY! SAKURAI!
HEY...
We can all go together...
Girls like bread.
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN GO WITH SAKURAI.
EH...
IT'S GONNA BE GREAT. DO IT!
Really?
It's good.
AH!

YOU ENDED UP GOING OUT WITH ME.
IT'S FINE. I DON'T MIND.
AND I LIKE BREAD.
I'M SORRY.
IS YOUR NEIGHBOR IN COLLEGE?
YEAH
Childhood friend, huh...
WORKING SURROUNDED WITH BREAD SOUNDS SO NICE.

I didn't tell anyone aside from him
AS EXPECTED, THIS IS A BIT
AWKWARD.
I FEEL LIKE
WE MIGHT GO OUT SOME-DAY.
I'M PRAYING THAT SEIICHIROU
TOOK THE DAY OFF.

AHH...
So cute!
IS THAT THE STORE?
...HEY
TAKERU
OH?
.....
Then,
I'LL GO AHEAD AND CHECK OUT THE STORE.
Nice to meet you
HI
SHE-
SHE'S A CLASS-MATE.
HELLO
RATTLE
Welcome!
OH,
OKAY.
本日の

HEY,
YEAH...
I GET IT.
I COULDN'T GO ALONE.
A guy entering a bread store...
YOU TALKED ABOUT LAST TIME?
IS SHE THE ONE
WE SHOULD GO INSIDE.
SHE'S CUTE.
NO
THAT'S
BUT LIKE,
HE'S IMAGINING THINGS ON HIS OWN

Stop picking up high school girls.
I'm not.
I recommend that one.
Oh, really? I knew it!
Welcome!
I WONDER WHAT THAT IS.
JUST NOW...
HE SEEMS...
AH, OKAZAKI-KUN!
THIS TURNED INTO SOME-THING INCREDIBLE...
What to do...
Every-thing looked delicious
Whoa
GIRLS ARE AMAZING.
Then I'll buy this one. Can I have it?
Eh, that? But you're helping me out a lot. Let me have a taste, okay?

Oh?
THIS IS SURPRISINGLY GOOD.
I'll have it toasted and with butter on it.
This too.
THESE ONES ARE ALSO DELICIOUS.
CLANG
CLANG
.....
WE'RE GOING TO EAT EVERY-THING UP.
TAKERU! DAD! AREN'T YOU GUYS HAVING ANY?
HEY, TAKERU. BUY SOME OF THESE AGAIN.
Yay! We're eating them all up!
I'M STILL FULL.
They can still eat?

Hey.
ARE YOU LISTENING?
THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK.
HMMM.
I'LL PASS FOR TODAY.
I'll see you to the station
DO YOU WANT TO GRAB SOMETHING TO EAT?
IT'S YOUR DAY OFF TOMORROW, ISN'T IT?
BE CAREFUL AS YOU GO HOME.
Thanks for your hard work.

I FEEL LIKE I'VE SEEN THAT LOOK BEFORE.

WE STOPPED PLAYING TOGETHER?

WHAT WAS THE REASON

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